



Atikokan is Growing!

Warren Paulson, VE3FYN, President of the Atikokan club asks us to join with him in welcoming three new amateurs:

Cliff Pointer (Basic + Honours) : VA3CEP

Nick Ladouceur (Basic) : VE3SEF

Chris Ladouceur (Basic + Honours) : VA3UOD

NEW VHF ARES NET

We are pleased to announce that starting Sun. May 1, 2011 @ 1945 our local ARES ,(LAKEHEAD ARES GROUP) will be starting a weekly ARES net on VE3TBR repeater, 146.820 pl tone 107.2, also this is the repeater where our IRLP sits. Our aim is to not only to bring local ARES members together but also to have all ARES members in Northwestern Ontario via the IRLP come together.

The net manager for this net will Karl VE3RRP . Any ideas or comments are always welcome. For now this will be an informal net but will be a directed net as well. We look forward to all check in's.

Thank You, Brad VE3MXJ EC for the LAKEHEAD ARES GROUP in Thunder Bay, ON

CanWarn Training in Northwestern Ontario

June 13th - 7 PM - Thunder Bay - McIntyre Building
Rm. 195, Confederation College, corner of William
and Edward Streets

June 14th - 7 PM - Fort Frances/Emo - Emo-Lavalley
Community Centre - 78 Colonization Road, Emo

June 15th - 7 PM - Kenora - City of Kenora Fire and
Emergency Services Facility and Regional Training
Centre - 100 14th Street North

June 16th - 7 PM - Dryden - Dryden Fire Services
Training Room - 189 Colonization Avenue

Regards,

Geoff Coulson

Warning Preparedness Meteorologist |

**Ham Run on
Gunflint Trail**
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Ham Run Comm Group with some familiar faces

LARC SENATE

Keith Fiske VE3JQ
 Pat Doherty VE3PD
 Dave Kimpton VE3AVS
 Laurie Bridgett VE3BCD
 Terry Stewardson VA3LU
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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to ve3snw@shaw.ca

**Sign on the back of yet
 another
 Septic Tank Truck:
 "Caution - This Truck is full of
 Political Promises"**

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

442.075 (+5 MHz)pl 100

144.390 APRS

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

MAY

HI-Q Journal of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

2011

Minutes for the

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

Date: April 14, 2011

President, Randy Gottfred VA3OJ Presiding.

Guest Speaker:

Marvin Lassie spoke on domestic renewable energy, insolation, and weather considerations.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Coghlan VE3TBX

Joe Coghlan VE3TBX moved to accept the report as printed in the April HI-Q. Seconded by Karl Hamilton VE3RRP. Passed Unanimously.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moved to accept the February's meeting's minutes as printed in the March HI-Q. Seconded by Brad Harris VE3MXJ. Passed Unanimously.

Old Business:

Public Service (John Sacek VA3JMS public events coordinator)

Sleeping Giant Loppet March 5, 2011, Norm Bell VE3XRC, the event coordinator reported Sleeping Giant Loppet was a success. We received a nice letter of thanks from the organizer who also sent a letter of support to send to the government.

Caribou Bike Ride

John Sacek VA3JMS attended a meeting of the Caribou Bike ride. A letter of support from the Ride was received.

10 Mile Road Race May 23rd

Still in need of a few operators

CANWARN John Sacek VA3JMS

Canwarn training this year will be Monday June 13, 7-9 PM, room 195, McIntyre Building of Confederation College.

The CANWARN Net was activated on Sunday April 10, 2011, due to a severe hail storm. John Sacek VA3JMS was NCS, with Fred Lesnick VE3FAL, and Karl Hamilton VE3RRP checking in.

ARES

Brad Harris VE3MXJ Thunder Bay EC

Tuesday night VHF Net on VE3YQT at 7pm. Everyone invited to check-in. Jeff Cederwall VE3JTD, and George Dow VE3DOW are now NCS on the net.

IRLP Nets on VE3TBR:

Ontario SATERN Net Monday 9PM Reflector 9032
Ontario Provincial Communications Net Sunday and Thursday 8PM, Reflector 9035

A new net Amethyst ARES VHF net is being organized for Sunday Evening at 7:45 ET on VE3TBR for NW Ontario.

Repeater News Randy Gottfred VA3OJ, Terry Stewardson VA3LU, Terry reported that YQT and TBR are working normally. Hopefully Uppsala will be working soon, and the 10 meter repeater should be operational shortly..

Club Trailer:

Bob Hansen VE3RVA

Bob reported that the committee will meet April 28th
Field Day June 25, 26

The executive decided to hold field day at Randy Gottfred's (VA3OJ) place again this year.

New Business

Amateur of the Year:

Congratulations to Bill Unger VE3XT who was awarded Amateur of the Year for 2010-2011 for his work, dedication, enthusiasm, and contagious energy that he devotes to amateur radio and Radio Amateurs of Canada. **Thank you, Bill!**

Hymer's Fair

No news received on the Special Call Sign request.

Nomination Committee looking for volunteers

The Club will need to recruit people for Secretary, Treasurer, President, Hi Q Editor as these people are planning to step down in September.

50/50/50/50 Draw:

1st: Linda Bell VE3XLB

2nd Bob Hansen VE3RVA

3rd Randy Gottfred VA3OJ

Adjournment moved by: Norm Bell VE3XRC

Next Executive Meeting: May 5, 2010

Next LARC Meeting: May 12, 2010.

MAY**HI-Q Journal of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club 2011****Stuff for Sale!**

Pat Pugh is spring cleaning! Help her out by buying her stuff. You can call her at 345-8562. She is asking for fair prices for each of the items. Also has a nye low pass filter and 3 hamsticks-17m, 40m and 20 m. Cushcraft A3 for sale eventually but it is still up in the air and will need a new connector...Also the 40ft tower will be for sale. Box full of RG8 coax, some RG59 and rotator cable too.

Starting at the top left is a Larsen 2 meter magmount; 2 meter magmount, magmount with CB whip for 10 meters; coax switches, rotator controller box; Kenwood 421A 2 meter rig; Kenwood power/swr meter; MFJ tuner; tri-mag mount; MFJ TNC, MFJ keyer.

We have a new weekly VHF ARES net on Sunday at 7:45 PM ET/ 6:45 PM CT on VE3TBR and via the IRLP Reflector 9002 to Repeaters in Kenora, Dryden, Atikokan, Ignace, Fort Francis, Sioux Narrows in NW Ontario.

New QSL Printing Service has just been announced with offices in Canada and Europe. You can contact them at
BF Technic Arts Ltd. / QSL Concept
Head Office Canada and Warehouse
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HI-Q
Articles
Wanted!

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To
VE3SNW@Shaw.ca

Prez Sayz

Howdy Folks

I was looking for a topic to write about this newsletter when the phone rang. It was a friend of mine that was having some troubles in their life. Most of the people in our group consider themselves good communicators. But this time it was different for me. I went from the normal tx and rx to just rx. As I listen to the problems, I find myself helpless to offer any tx advice that would make any difference. Still, a friendly ear was needed to just talk and let off some of the frustration of just being human. Many times we speak and don't hear and we really miss out on things that are important. A simple hello, how are things or can I help are often missed in this busy day and age. We are so connected by wireless media that we are becoming a world of drones. I truly feel that we are going to lose the art of conversation and the English language. I walk down the street and nearly get trampled by people that are so connected to whatever media they are using. I have seen people walk right out into the street while texting that it gets downright dangerous to drive near intersections. Only a long blast on the horn seems to bring them around long enough to have the time to give you some rude gesture as thanks for not running them down. Another instance the other night, while sitting in a local restaurant, a group of 5 young ladies were sitting at a table with their phones out. The waitress came by and asked for their order. One of the girls texted the other across the table to ask her what she was having. This is why we, as communicators, must remember the human element of the art of conversation. We really need to help each other and show that we care enough to speak and listen. We need to remember please and thank you and show that we do care about others. Tonight was a good night to listen instead of talk

73

Randy



North East Ontario Regional Directors Report May, 2011



The monthly meeting of the Regional Directors was held on April 28, 2011 starting at 2330Z.

One of the items discussed and approved was the tiered membership the A&F committee have been working on since last October. Once the systems are in place, RAC will be offer a greater range of membership payment categories. While this will not affect most members, it may bring in a few more over the longer term. You will also note a very slight increase in member fees. Up \$2.00 for the membership category that 99% of the members belong to. Our last increase was over 5 years ago. Our Bylaws state we have two classes of membership Full & Associate, within those we have a number of payment categories. Additional details will be available on the web pages shortly.

The other bit of good news is that RAC is now in the black financially and will finish this fiscal year with a small surplus. This is the first time in 3 years that this has happened and bodes well for the future of RAC. This is primarily due to the efforts of our Treasurer Margret VE3VXN and the Administration and Finance Committee.

You may remember the previous company that carried RAC insurance declined to continue that service. As a result several RAC executive and experts in the field sought out a new carrier. Prior to the new company we had 53 clubs that took advantage of the service. We now have in excess of 65. If your club is looking for liability insurance check it out.

At the risk of sounding like Rick Mercer, "if you find yourself in Smiths Falls on May 14th", there is the Smiths Falls Hamfest. Go to the RAC web pages or ve3rlr@yahoo.ca for further information. Geoff VE4BAW and I will be there as well.

And if you are going to Dayton this year check RAC out at Booth 487. For the first time in several years we are having a presence in Dayton. Drop by and say hello. It would be great to see as many hams from Canada as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca.

73

Bill VE3XT
North East Ontario Regional Director
Radio Amateurs of Canada

Across

2. **SOLDERING**—melting metal to join components
4. **LID**—very bad operator
7. **YAGI**—antenna with directors and reflectors
9. **CAPACITOR**—two plates separated by an insulator
10. **MOBILE**—hamming on the move
12. **HF**—under 30 mhz
15. **ARRL**—American ham organization
17. **DXPEDITION**—operating from a very remote place
19. **ANTENNA**—the hardest part is getting this up high
20. **VERTICAL**—antenna that is straight up and down
22. **TELEVISION**—radio with pictures
23. **COAX**—gets your signal from the radio to the antenna
24. **RESISTOR**—colour banded component sometimes made of carbon
25. **MORSE**—the original digital code sent with a key

Down

1. **MICROPHONE**—the part you talk into
3. **GIGAHERTZ**—the frequency of your microwave oven would be measured in these
5. **VIBROPLEX**—manufacturer of code keys and bugs
6. **DIGITAL**—the new modes are mostly this, 1's and 0's
8. **APRS**—location reporting by packet
11. **INDUCTOR**—a coil
13. **HANDHELD**—radio that fits in your pocket
14. **WIRE**—better than wet string for making antennas
16. **TRANSISTOR**—solid state device developed by Bell labs in the 40's
18. **FIELD DAY**—contest event held during the last weekend in June
20. **VHF**—30 to 300 mhz
21. **LICENCE**—government document giving you the ok

Last month's crossword answers

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand - April 7th, 2011 \$4,159.83

Income

Interest	\$0.74
50/50 Draws	\$6.00
Memberships	\$0.00

Total Income \$6.74

Expenses

Thunder Bay Telephone	\$48.53
Bank Charges	\$0.00
Annual Dinner	\$20.42
Hymers Fair	\$90.00

Total Expenses \$158.95

*Term Account (For Higher Interest) \$3,000.00

Balance on Hand - May 4th, 2011 \$4,007.62

Trailer Account	
Previous Balance	\$1,157.40
Income	
Interest	\$0.10
Expenses	
	\$0.00
Balance in Trailer Account	\$1,157.50

Joe Coghlan - VE3 TBX

May 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 LARC Meeting	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Victoria Day	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31		Coffee at Boston on Arthur St 2100 hrs.			Amythst ARES VHF NET 1945 Hrs Sundays